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OKAY, YOU KNOW HOW NORMAL PEOPLE GO CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AND THEY STRESS OVER STUFF LIKE FINDING THE PERFECT GIFT FOR SOMEONE OR TRYING TO PARK THEIR CAR SOMEWHERE THAT ISN'T AN ENTIRE FOOTBALL FIELD AWAY FROM THE MALL?
NOT ME. I GO CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AND I STRESS OVER STUFF LIKE FIGHTING BIG, UGLY TENTACLE MONSTERS. MY NAME IS REX AND THIS IS HOW I'M SPENDING MY CHRISTMAS EVE...
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EIGHTEEN MINUTES EARLIER
"OHHHH, THE WEATHER OUTSIDE...
HEY! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
REX, WOULD YOU *PLEASE* STOP DOING THAT?
SORRY, DOC. I'VE HAD THAT SONG STUCK IN MY HEAD EVER SINCE LAST NIGHT.
I *KNEW* IT WAS A MISTAKE FOR BOBO TO PUT ON THAT OLD ACTION MOVIE. I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW WHAT HE SEES IN IT.
YOU KIDDING? IT'S THE *ULTIMATE* CHRISTMAS MOVIE! GUNS, EXPLOSIONS, FIGHTING BAD GUYS... EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS.
UH-HUH... RIGHT.

WELL, I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU HELPING ME WITH ALL THIS LAST-MINUTE SHOPPING. I'VE BEEN SO BUSY RUNNING AROUND FIGHTING EVOS THAT I COMPLETELY SPACED ABOUT CHRISTMAS TOMORROW.
THIS MALL IS INSANE. DO ALL THESE PEOPLE PROCRASTINATE AND WAIT UNTIL--HEY!
HEY, MASTERMIND! COULD YOU LOOK UP FROM YOUR PHONE FOR FIVE SECONDS AND SAY YOU'RE SORRY?!
DOC, YOU MIGHT WANT TO LOWER THE VOLUME A BIT...
I... I'M SORRY, REX. CHRISTMAS TIME ALWAYS BRINGS OUT THE WORST IN ME FOR SOME REASON.
MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE A LITTLE BREAK FROM SHOPPING? THERE'S A PRETZELPALOOZA DOWN ON THE FIRST LEVEL. MMMMM, HOT PRETZEL GOODNESS...
THAT'S IT! THAT'S WHAT I NEED!
IT IS? GREAT, 'CAUSE I COULD REALLY GO FOR A MEGAPRETZEL, ESPECIALLY IF IT'S DRIPPING IN ALL KINDS OF TASTY BUTTER.
NO, REX. NOT A PRETZEL...
...THAT.
OH, YEAH. I'M SURE THE RIDICULOUS AMOUNT OF CAFFEINE WILL REALLY HELP YOU RELAX.
I'M CERTAINLY COUNTING ON IT.

OKAY, DOC... SO, I GUESS I'LL JUST... UM... STAND HERE AND WAIT FOR YOU TO GET BACK?
SIGH OH, YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME. THERE'S NOTHING TO DO HERE BUT WATCH LITTLE KIDS TALK TO SANTA.
TELL ME ABOUT IT.

IT COULD BE WORSE, THOUGH. YOU COULD BE STUCK WITH THOSE LITTLE KIDS FOR FOUR HOURS WITH ANOTHER TWO TO GO *AND* WEARING AN ELF COSTUME.
HI, I'M *CHRISTINE* AND YOU ARE...?

VERY GLAD TO MEET YOU. ERRRR... I MEAN, MY NAME'S REX.
NICE MEETING YOU, REX. DID YOUR *BIG SISTER* DITCH YOU FOR A COFFEE FIX?

SISTER? OH, NO. NOOOOOO. SHE'S JUST A FRIEND OF MINE FROM... FROM WORK.
THE THING IS, I'M NOT SURE WHEN SHE'LL BE BACK. IT COULD BE QUITE A WHILE.

YOU DON'T SAY. WELL, LIKE I SAID, I STILL HAVE A COUPLE OF HOURS LEFT ON MY SHIFT BUT WE COULD HOOK UP LATER ON IF YOU'RE-
AAAH!!!

AAAAH!!!
AAAAAHHH!!!
WHAT... WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
HUH. LOOKS LIKE THE NANITES INSIDE SANTA'S BODY HAVE RANDOMLY ACTIVATED, MUTATING HIM INTO A BIG TENTACLE MONSTER.
IT HAPPENS.
SORRY, BUT I GOTTA GO DEAL WITH THIS. FIGHTING MONSTERS IS KINDA WHAT I DO FOR A LIVING.
FUN, HUNH? YIPPEE-KAI-YAY...

ALL I WANTED WAS TO DO SOME CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AND MAYBE FLIRT WITH THAT CUTE GIRL OVER THERE IN THE ELF COSTUME. WAS THAT TOO MUCH TO ASK?!
I KNOW, I KNOW, YOU'VE GOT YOUR OWN PROBLEMS RIGHT NOW, BUT STILL...
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU-
-DOOOOOOIIINNNG???
UH... HEY THERE, EVERYBODY. EVERYTHING'S UNDER CONTROL, SITUATION NORMAL.
WE'RE FINE, WE'RE ALL FINE HERE... NOW... THANK YOU. HOW ARE YOU?

REX! REXXXXX!!!
AND... CUE THE SCREAMING DAMSEL-IN-DISTRESS...
NO! WAIT!
AAAAHH!!!
OKAY, TIME TO LEAVE THE NICE ELF GIRL ALONE NOW.

MMMMM...EXACTLY WHAT I NEEDED. NOW LET'S SEE WHAT REX HAS BEEN UP...
...TO?
HOLD ON, REX!
WELCOME TO THE PARTY, DOC! GLAD YOU COULD JOIN US!
COULDN'T STAY OUT OF TROUBLE, COULD YOU? JUST KEEP THE EVO OCCUPIED FOR A FEW MORE SECONDS...
FFFT
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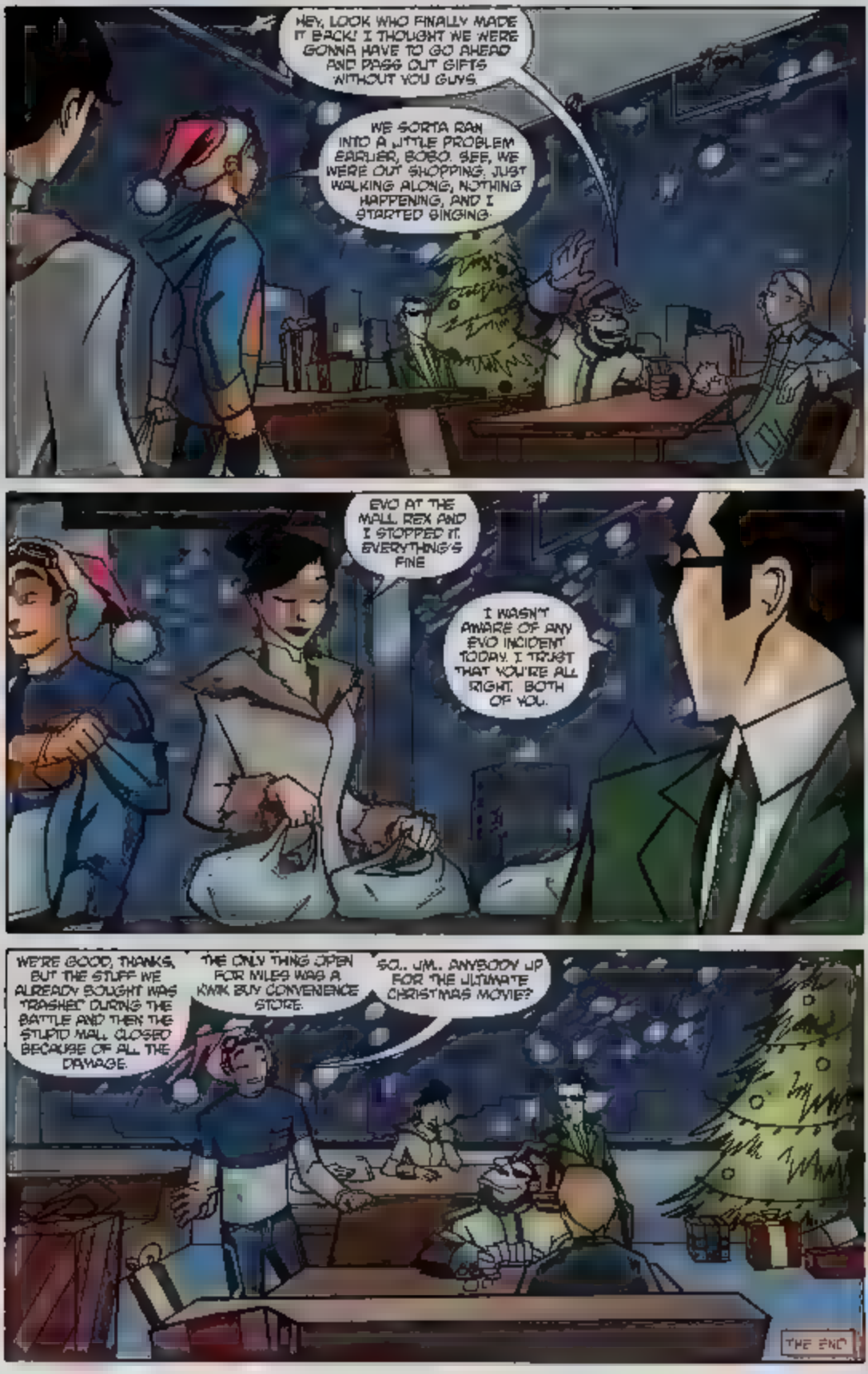
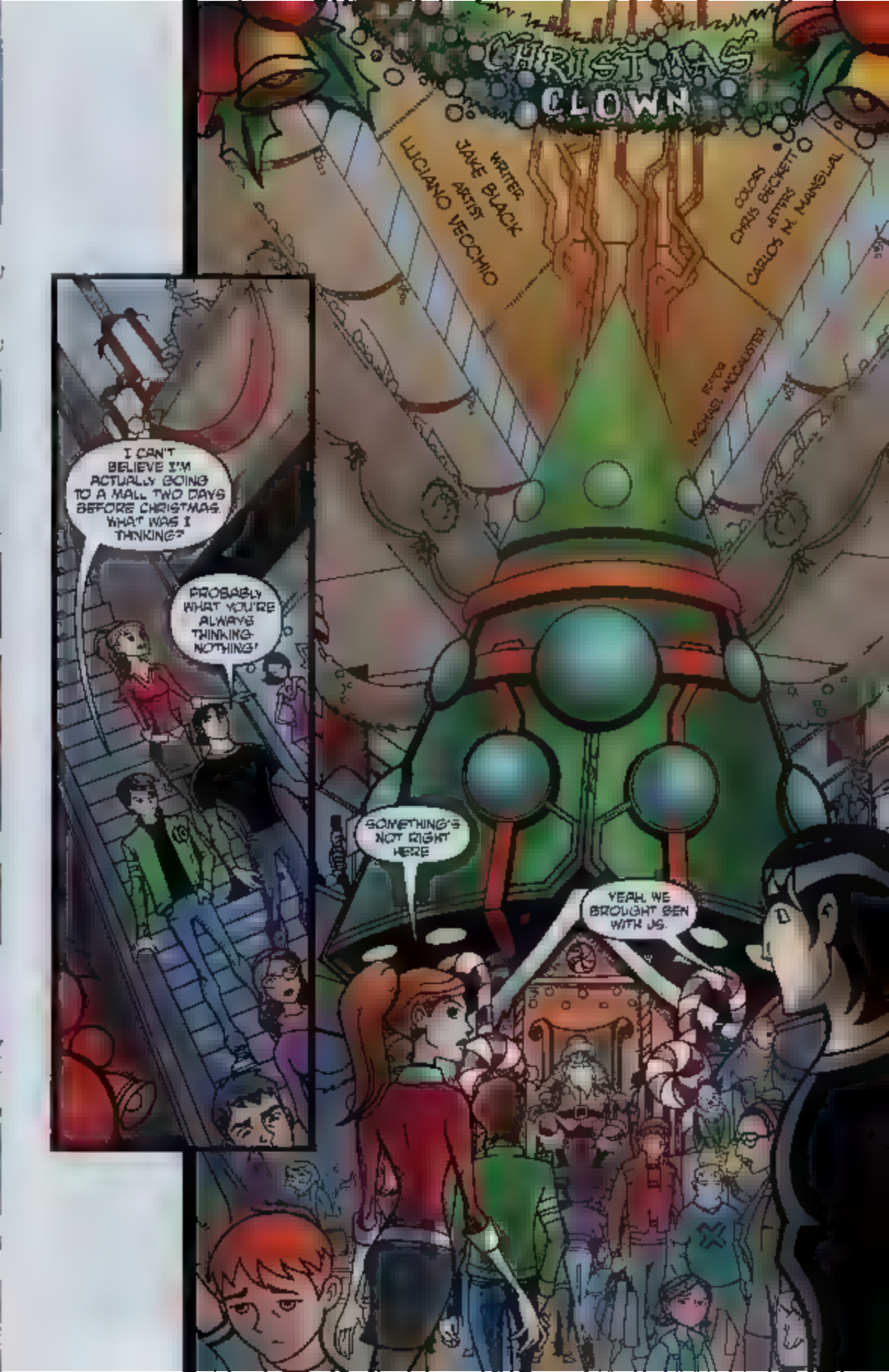
WHOOPS, DART IN YOUR NECK! ACTUALLY, THREE TRANQUILIZER DARTS, BUT I GUESS IT REALLY DOESN'T MATTER AS LONG AS I GET TO DO...
...THIS.
MERRY CHRISTMAS, SANTA.
NICELY DONE, SORRY YOU HAD TO SPEND CHRISTMAS EVE FIGHTING YET ANOTHER OUT-OF-CONTROL EVO.
IT'S OKAY, DOC. I'M JUST GLAD NOBODY GOT HURT. BUT... UM... ONE THING, THOUGH...
...DO YOU SEE OUR SHOPPING BAGS ANYWHERE?


HEY, LOOK WHO FINALLY MADE IT BACK! I THOUGHT WE WERE GONNA HAVE TO GO AHEAD AND PASS OUT GIFTS WITHOUT YOU GUYS.
WE SORTA RAN INTO A LITTLE PROBLEM EARLIER, BOBO. SEE, WE WERE OUT SHOPPING. JUST WALKING ALONG, NOTHING HAPPENING, AND I STARTED SINGING.
EVO AT THE MALL. REX AND I STOPPED IT. EVERYTHING'S FINE
I WASN'T AWARE OF ANY EVO INCIDENT TODAY. I TRUST THAT YOU'RE ALL RIGHT. BOTH OF YOU.
WE'RE GOOD, THANKS, BUT THE STUFF WE ALREADY BOUGHT WAS "TRASHED" DURING THE BATTLE AND THEN THE STUPID MALL CLOSED BECAUSE OF ALL THE DAMAGE.
THE ONLY THING OPEN FOR MILES WAS A KWIK BUY CONVENIENCE STORE.
SO.. UM.. ANYBODY UP FOR THE ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS MOVIE?
THE END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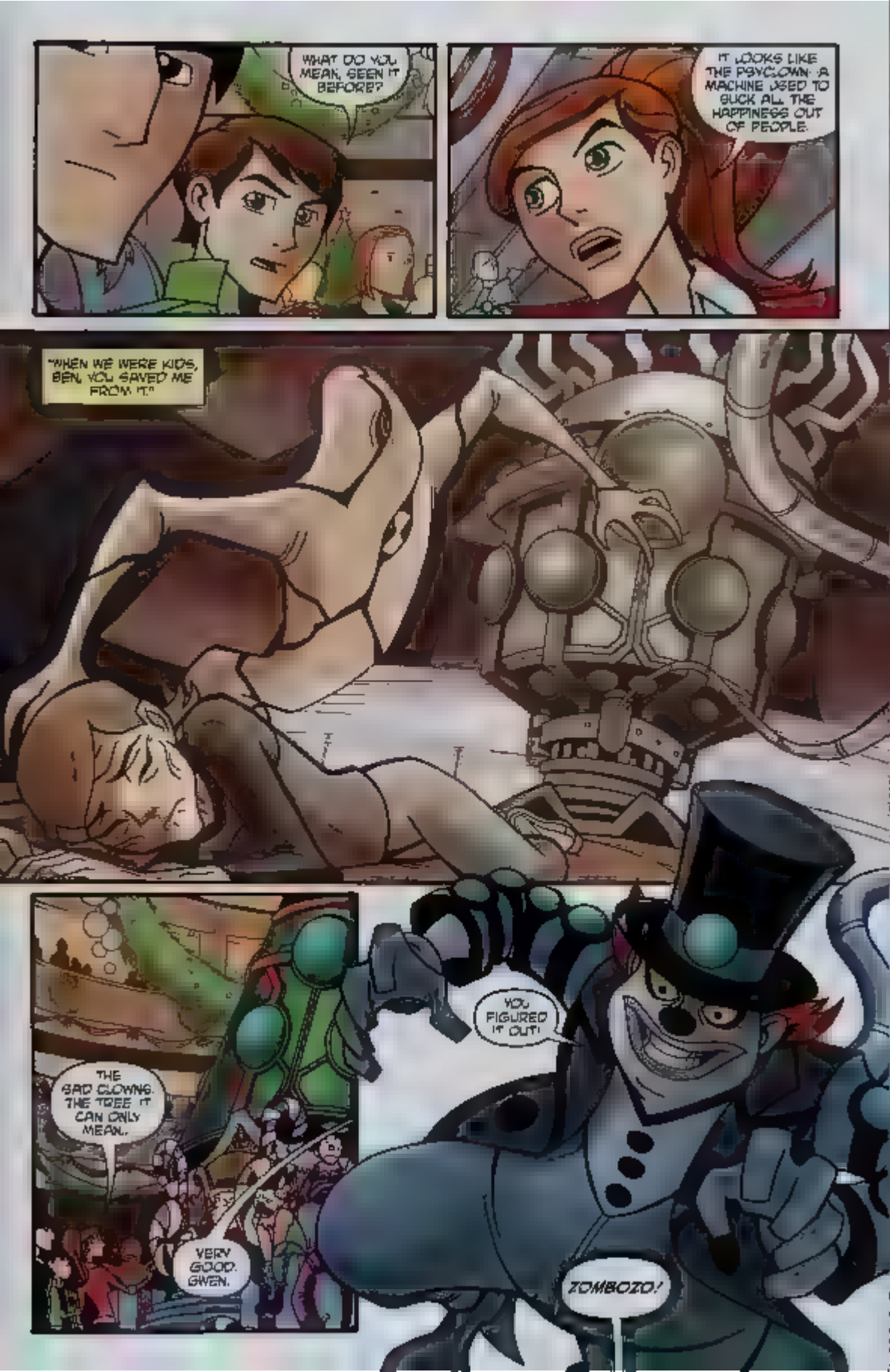
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M ACTUALLY GOING TO A MALL TWO DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS. WHAT WAS I THINKING?
PROBABLY WHAT YOU'RE ALWAYS THINKING: NOTHING!
SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT HERE
YEAH. WE BROUGHT BEN WITH US.

WHADDYA WANT FOR CHRISTMAS, KID
I DON'T CARE. I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT ANYTHING ANYMORE
A KID WHO DOESN'T CARE ABOUT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS?
YEAH, EVERY KID WANTS SOMETHIN' LIKE A BLUE RYDER BLASTER, OR A TURBINE-MAN ACTION FIGURE.
EXCUSE ME. WHY'S EVERYONE SO SAD HERE TODAY?
WHY WOULDN'T WE BE?

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR! JOY AND LOVE!
MEH.
I DON'T GET IT!
YEAH, EVEN THE CLOWNS ARE SAD WHAT IS GOING ON?!
MAYBE THEY'RE SAD BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO LOOK AT THE UGLIEST CHRISTMAS TREE EVER MADE
WAIT A MINUTE SAD CLOWNS? THAT TREE.. I THINK I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE THIS ISN'T GOOD!


WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SEEN IT BEFORE?
IT LOOKS LIKE THE PSYCLOWN. A MACHINE USED TO SUCK ALL THE HAPPINESS OUT OF PEOPLE.
"WHEN WE WERE KIDS, BEN, YOU SAVED ME FROM IT."
THE BAD CLOWNS. THE TREE. IT CAN ONLY MEAN..
VERY GOOD, GWEN.
YOU FIGURED IT OUT!
ZOMBOZO!

GWEN WAS RIGHT. THIS IS A TIME OF JOY AND LOVE THE PERFECT TIME OF YEAR FOR ME TO USE MY NEW PSYCLOWN TO FEED OFF EVERYONE'S HAPPINESS!
WE'VE BEATEN YOU BEFORE. WHY DO YOU THINK THIS TIME WILL BE ANY DIFFERENT?
BECAUSE THIS ISN'T THE ONLY PSYCLOWN MACHINE I'VE SET UP THEY'RE ALL OVER TOWN!
HAHAHAHAHAHA

ULTIMATE SPIDER-MONKEY!
YOU WON'T RUIN CHRISTMAS!
BADOOOOM
A DECOY!
THIS ONE WAS A FAKE. WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE REAL ONE, AND STOP HIS PSYCLOWN MACHINES FROM DESTROYING THE TOWN!
WE'RE ON IT!

RAAHRR
SMASH
CRASH

AH, MAN. ZOMBOZO'S GOT THESE PEOPLE UNDER HIS CONTROL! I'M IN TROUBLE.
STAY BACK! I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU!
IS THAT...

I SEE YOU, ZOMBOZO!
THIS ENDS NOW!
PLEASE DON'T HURT ME! I'M THE REAL ONE!
THEN STOP THIS!
DONE. IT'S OVER.
BLEEP
I KNOW I MADE A MISTAKE. I'M SORRY. I JUST WANTED TO EAT EVERYONE'S HAPPY HOLIDAYS.
I'LL WAIT FOR THE POLICE TO TAKE ME AWAY. PUT 'ER THERE.
KAZZZZ

UGH. HE GOT AWAY!

BEN! YOU DID IT! EVERYONE IS BACK TO NORMAL! HAPPINESS HAS RETURNED ALL OVER TOWN!
YEAH, BUT ZOMBOZO GOT AWAY, AGAIN.

LOOK AT THE BRIGHT SIDE. YOU STILL GET TO FINISH YOUR SHOPPING.
MERRY CHRISTMAS.
THE END

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WARM UP WITH SOME HOT ACTION!

BATMAN: BRAVE & THE BOLD #15

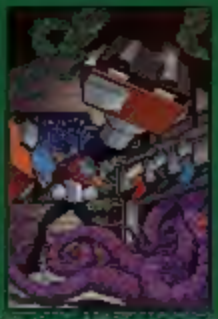
Batman finds himself in a death trap with no way out. It's going to take a miracle to save him... Mister Miracle, that is.

SCOOBY DOO - WHERE ARE YOU? #17

Mom & Pop's, the gang's favorite grocery store, is in trouble! Can the gang get to the bottom of the mystery?

TINY TITANS #48

Tiny Titans unmasked in a special all red hair issue! Also, what's Wonder Girl's secret? What is she doing with all that fruit? A discovery is made when she reveals her secret oranges!



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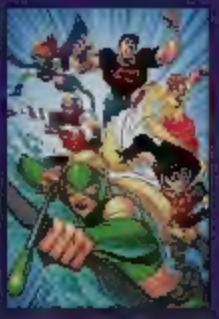
Desperate for help with last-minute holiday shopping, Rex heads to the mall with a caffeine-deprived Dr. Holiday. Is doing a little shopping and flirting with cute girls too much to ask?



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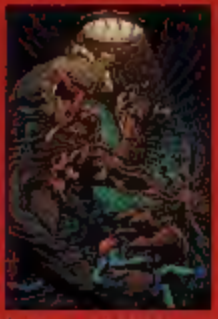

YOUNG JUSTICE #12

There's a new menace in Gotham City: a creature so strange – and so versatile – that not even the combined might of the entire Young Justice team can stand against it. Witness the origin of...Clayface!

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